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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicant submits herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the paragraph in the specification amended herein; (2) Exhibit B, a copy of the pending claims; (3) a Transmittal for filing a continuation application; (4) an Information Disclosure Statement; and (5) a revised PTO-1449 form.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 to recite as follows:

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/067,398, filed April 28, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/502,519, filed July 14, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,780,027, the contents of each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Cancel Claims 1-17, without prejudice.

Add Claims 18-37, as follows: